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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL**

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Hon. Omar Aquino, Chairperson  
IL Senate Redistricting Cmte.  
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**RE: Statement on Use of American Community Survey for the Purpose of Redistricting**

Dear Representative Hernandez and Senator Aquino:

While the main function of the U.S. decennial census is to provide counts of people for the purpose of congressional apportionment and state legislative redistricting, the primary purpose of the American Community Survey (ACS) is to measure the changing social and economic characteristics of the U.S.-our education, housing, jobs and so much more. Therefore, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) believe at this time, that ACS data could be used to draw a temporary proposed map but not a final map.

The ACS data is based upon estimates based on a small sample, i.e., subsets. The ACS data is not current enough for the purpose of redistricting and finally the ACS data is not available at the census “block” level which is the smallest geographic unit for which the Census Bureau reports data. Block level data allows for the building of legislative and other electoral districts with the requisite accuracy that will not result in the denial or dilution of minority voting strength.

The NAACP Chicago Southside recognizes the delayed delivery of census data due to COVID-19 and the rush to meet statutory and/or constitutional deadlines, however, the use of existing data, such as the ACS, as the primary basis to draw a final map is not acceptable.

The United States Census Bureau will release the 2020 Census Data in September. The deadline for submission of final maps is June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to change and/or request a change to established guidelines.

The use of “other” data, whether ACS or data that has been developed for other purposes sets a bad precedent for using any type of data for the purpose of redistricting.

Sincerely,

*Rose E. Joshua*

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